

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment the claims under consideration are 1, 12-14, and 21-26. Claims 2-11 and 15-20 are cancelled hereby. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of former Claim 12 and to replace the word "alternations," which lacked antecedent basis, with a phrase having proper antecedent basis. Claims 13 and 14 are amended to have their dependency changed from Claim 1 to Claims 12 and 13, respectively. Claims 21 and 22 were amended to be placed in independent form. Claims 23-26 were added to present the subject matter of Claims 11-14 in independent form.

Examiner Interview Summary

An telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Cole and Applicants' undersigned attorney on 06 April 2004. It was agreed that Claims 11, 13, 14, and 21 defined over the art of record. Such Claims were agreed to be allowable if placed in independent form.

After review of the Claims under consideration before entry of the present amendment, Applicants believe that Claims 12 and 22 are also directed to changes of properties within a basis weight zone and therefore should also be allowable over the art of record. Applicants' attorney contacted Examiner Cole via voice mail on 08 April 2004 to suggest the present arrangement of Amended Claims.

Examiner Cole responded by voice mail of 13 April 2004 indicating agreement that the subject matter of Claim 12 was also considered allowable.

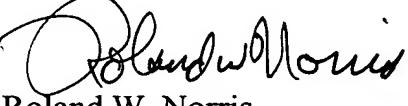
The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned attorney should the Examiner feel that any issues remain after entry of the present amendment.

A check in the amount of \$1,114.00 to pay for the fee associated with additional claims and the concurrently submitted Request for Continued Examination is included herewith. A Fourth Information Disclosure Statement is also concurrently submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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